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Rare butterfly thrives

THE long hot summer has allowed an extremely rare butterfly, the heath fritillary, to have a second brood emerge in Belfairs Woods in Leigh-on-Sea.

The heath fritillary is one of Britain's rarest butterflies and was considered to be on the brink of extinction in the late 1970s.

A re-introduction into Essex and continued habitat management has allowed the butterfly's numbers to gradually grow and now, the long hot summer has seen a second brood flying for the first time in the Essex Wildlife Trust nature reserve at Belfairs Woods.

The delicate orange and brown chequered butterfly can be seen flying close to the ground in a distinctive flutter and glide pattern. Their colonies in Essex are restricted to where the food plant for its larvae, common cow-wheat grows, which requires accurate and

continuous habitat management.

Essex Wildlife Trust staff and a group of dedicated volunteers have been managing parts of the woodland for the butterfly and its food plant for a number of years and their numbers have been slowly growing. Generally the butterfly emerges from May through to July, however, the climatic conditions this year have meant the larvae were able to grow quickly enough to see a new brood emerge.

Tristan Colaço, Essex Wildlife Trust's ranger at Belfairs Woods, said: "The second flight period of heath fritillary here is really exciting. Numbers are looking really great here thanks to the fantastic habitat management our volunteer team have been helping us to create over the years."

"Hopefully the mild weather will set things up to be very positive next year as well."



WOODS: The heath fritillary butterfly

A FAILURE OF TRUST!

Hospital agrees massive payout for family of boy robbed of oxygen at birth

THE parents of a 10-year-old boy who suffers from a form of cerebral palsy as a result of being starved of oxygen during birth have agreed a damages package approaching £10million with hospital bosses, a High Court judge has been told.

Mr Justice Lavender approved a settlement between the couple and bosses at Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust at

a High Court hearing in London on Monday.

Liability had been "settled at" 70 per cent, he was told.

The judge said the boy had been left with profound injuries.

He made an order which bars journalists from identifying the youngster.

Barrister Simon Browne QC, who represented the boy's parents,

said the package totalled around £9.5m and would be made up of a lump sum plus regular payments.

He said the money would cover future care costs and compensate the boy's parents for care already provided.

Barrister Richard Booth QC, who represented the NHS trust, apologised for "any identified failings" in care provided on the

day the boy was born.

He also paid tribute to the boy's parents for the "astonishing and unstinting" care they had provided.

Mr Booth said no amount of money could "turn back the clock".

But he said trust bosses hoped that the package would "go some way towards alleviating the enormous challenges yet to be faced".

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Dad is among first to join clinical trials for MS drug

by Michael Cox

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A FATHER from Southend with multiple sclerosis is amongst the first to take part in the biggest ever trial for secondary progressive MS (SPMS) in the UK.

Steve Hornett, 56, will be treated at the University College London.

Co-funded by the MS Society, the MS-STAT2 trial is a Phase 3 study, to confirm whether simvastatin could become one of the first drugs to slow or stop disability progression in SPMS, offering new hope to thousands.

The trial will involve 1,180 people across the UK with SPMS who have no effective treatment.

The former carpenter developed secondary progressive MS a couple of years ago after living with the relapsing form of the condition for 20 years.

He said: "I've had MS for a third of my life, but it never impacted me that much until it became progressive.

"I used to run and cycle and do lots of exercise, but now that's out of the question.

"I had to buy a wheelchair two years ago, and although I'm not in it all the



TREATMENT: Steve Hornett has secondary progressive MS

time I do rely on it, and can only walk very short distances.

"I can see myself slowly getting worse, but this trial might change that – if it leads to a new treatment for SPMS, the next ten years could look completely different."

MS is an incurable neurological condition.

The disease causes the immune system, which normally fights off infection, to attack the protective coating of nerves in the brain and spinal cord, which can create problems with vision, walking and balance.

It affects more than 100,000 people in the UK, and most expect to develop a progressive form of the condition.

It causes problems with how people move, see, think, and feel.

Positive results from a smaller trial showed simvastatin – a type of statin used to reduce high cholesterol levels in blood – could improve levels of disability and slow disease progression.

It also reduced the rate of atrophy or shrinkage of the brain.

Simvastatin is a common cholesterol lowering medication used in millions of people around the world.

The £6million trial is being funded by the MS Society in collaboration

with the National Institute for Health Research, the National MS Society (US), the NHS and UK universities.

There are currently no licensed treatments that target disability progression in people with this type of MS.

Dr Susan Kohlhaas, director of research at the MS Society, said: "Today, if you're diagnosed with this form of MS you don't have any options, but we're getting closer to changing that, and hopefully delivering the solution everyone has been waiting for."

Dr Jeremy Chataway, UCL Institute of Neurology, who is leading the trial, added: "Simvastatin is one of the most promising treatment prospects for secondary progressive MS in our lifetime. People with this form of the condition have been waiting decades for a drug that works, which is why there's such excitement around being able to start the trial.

"While it's still early days, we believe simvastatin could change lives."

■ If you have secondary progressive MS and would like to be considered to participate in MS-STAT2, you can find out more about the trial, and register your interest at <http://ms-stat2.info>.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Arsonists use petrol to set car alight

POLICE are appealing for witnesses to an arson attack in Bitterys, Southchurch, between 12.10am and 12.20am on Wednesday, August 29.

Two suspects approached a property and smashed two windows with what is believed to be a hammer then poured petrol into a car before setting it alight.

Police need to hear from anyone who saw suspicious behaviour before, during and after the incident or from anyone who has CCTV and dashcam footage.

Call Southend station police station on 101, quoting crime reference 42/124889/18, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

In court for incident in hospital car park

A MAN has been charged with attempted robbery after an alleged incident in Southend Hospital car park on August 20.

Malcolm Mason, 47, of no fixed address, appeared at Southend Magistrates' Court on Friday, September 7.

He was remanded to reappear at Basildon Crown Court on October 5.

Knifepoint robbery

A ROBBER armed with a knife stole a mobile phone and cash from a man outside Tasty Chicken in London Road, Southend, at 9.25pm on Sunday, September 9.

The suspect is in his early 30s, white and bald. He wore a black jacket and dark sporty trousers.

Call Southend police on 101, quoting crime reference 42/131083/18, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Care home scoops Best Gardening Club title

ADMIRAL Court Care Home in Leigh-on-Sea has been awarded the Best Gardening Club title at the Hallmark in Bloom gardening competition.

The home, which offers residential, dementia and nursing care, was praised for its use of outdoor space, resident engagement and dedication to creating a beautiful garden environment.

The Hallmark in Bloom competition encourages residents and the community to get involved in gardening.

As part of this year's celebrations,

residents and team members took part in an exciting scavenger hunt alongside visiting children and their child minders.

Business support manager at Admiral Court Care Home, Nicola Sutcliffe, said: "It feels great to be recognised for the hard work that the team members and residents have put into the garden throughout the year to make it a wonderful environment."

Entrants were judged on resident and community involvement, innovation in their gardens and the overall experience.



GETTING INVOLVED: Residents and children at Admiral Court Care Home

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Safety advice to uni students who rent

STUDENTS across Essex heading back to university are being urged to check correct safety measures have been followed before moving into rental accommodation.

The advice comes after a survey of students revealed nearly two thirds experienced issues with property they live in, ranging from damp and heating system problems to poor security.

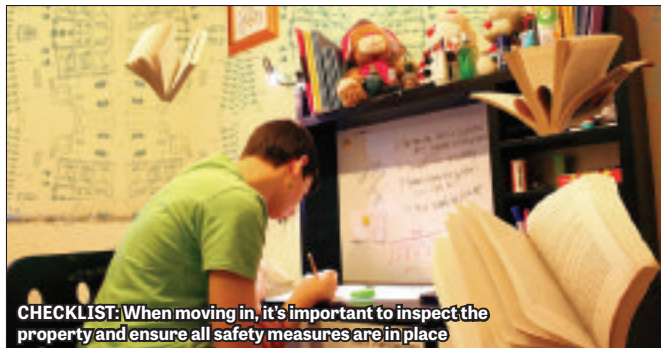
With maintenance grants scrapped and tuition fees rising, there is concern students will sign contracts for cheaper housing without properly inspecting the property in an effort to save money.

This could result in students living in potentially unsafe accommodation, which might put their health at risk, or create disruption if they have to move out if the house is uninhabitable.

Of particular concern are poorly maintained heating systems that could be life-threatening if they emit harmful carbon monoxide fumes.

To help with their property search, OFTEC, the trade body for the oil heating industry, has issued a checklist which outlines legal requirements landlords must follow and key red flags to look out for:

1. Every floor must have a working smoke alarm. Carbon monoxide alarms are mandatory in rooms using solid fuel.
2. There must be clear access to a fire escape route at all times.
3. Upholstered furniture such as beds and sofas must have appropriate



CHECKLIST: When moving in, it's important to inspect the property and ensure all safety measures are in place

fire safety labels attached.

4. Check all electrical appliances work correctly as it is the landlord's responsibility to ensure they are in good condition. Electrical Safety First also recommends portable electrical appliances provided by landlords are tested regularly.

5. For a mains gas heating system, the boiler must have been serviced by a Gas Safe registered engineer. If you move into one of the 23,000 oil-heated homes in Essex, an OFTEC registered technician should service the system. When viewing the property, ask to test the heating and check that radiators warm up.

Malcolm Farrow, from OFTEC, said: "Whilst the vast majority of landlords

are fully responsible, unfortunately there are some unscrupulous owners who will try to dupe students into living in potentially unsafe accommodation full of problems. With rising costs and university towns, affordable housing is often in short supply so it's easy to feel pressured into taking the first property you find. But, when moving in, it is important to inspect the property and ensure all safety measures are in place and everything is working correctly. In particular, check the heating system is working because you might not turn it on and notice any problems until later in the year once the weather gets colder."

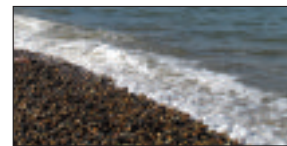
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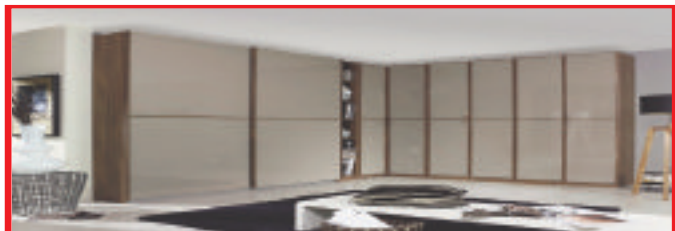


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Mandy Hickson was the only female pilot on her front-line Tornado Squadron, flying multimillion pound jets for the Royal Air Force.

She has operated in hostile environments, including patrolling the no-fly zone over Iraq.

Year-on-year, the college invites great guest speakers to the annual graduation ceremony for degree students and the pilot, who was awarded a RAF flying scholarship at 17, is no exception.

Mandy said: "University played such a vital part in my journey to become a pilot in the Royal Air Force.

"The friends I made and the memories that I took away are still with me and I am so thrilled and honoured that I will be a small part of the graduates' university memories."

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Cutting free swims for the over-65s branded 'miserly'

A LABOUR councillor has described a reduction in free swimming for older residents in Southend as a "miserly cut".

Charles Willis, shadow portfolio holder for healthy communities and wellbeing, was talking after Southend Council said four free swims will be on offer for residents aged 65 and over between October 1 and March 31.

The sessions are at Belfairs Swim Centre, Shoeburyness Leisure Centre and Southend Leisure and Tennis Centre.

Under the Wet Wednesdays scheme, which began in 2010 and ends on September 26, over-65s could swim for free every Wednesday.

Cllr Willis said: "This is a miserly cut that is exactly the wrong thing to do. We need proper investment in promoting better health for all. We must do the best for residents and this is nothing like the ideal."

The council says the cut in free swims is due to the level of funding no longer being available.

Cllr Lesley Salter, cabinet member for healthy communities and wellbeing, said: "I hope that those who participated in Wet Wednesdays will dip their toes in this free swimming scheme."

"This scheme is very much aimed at helping people to recognise the health benefits of regular exercise. Swimming is a great way to keep healthy and results from this pilot over the coming six months will tell us who is being reached and inform next steps, not a scatter-gun approach that will drain finite resources."

Swipe cards will be needed to redeem the four free sessions and can be collected at reception of each of the centres. Residents will be asked for a name, age, address, and an activity question.

For more information call Belfairs Swim Centre on 01702 712155, Shoeburyness Leisure Centre on 01702 293558 or Southend Leisure and Tennis Centre on 01702 613000.



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Planners' concern at revamp bid for convent

by Steve Shaw

BBC local democracy reporter

PLANS to transform a Southend convent building into a housing complex have suffered a major setback after council officers found the development to be "unsustainable".

The Congregation of the Sisters of Nazareth submitted an outline planning bid to demolish buildings at Nazareth House in London Road and build a 77-bed care home, convent and 154 flats.

The homes would be set across four buildings between three and seven storeys. A museum and shops would also be part of the development.

An existing chapel would be the only building not demolished but it would be redeveloped to include a new entrance lobby and door to connect it to the new care home. But the plans are in jeopardy after council officers recommended the application be refused when it goes before Southend's development committee.

Their report notes that the application has been submitted with no indication that it will contribute towards affordable housing and secondary education and calls the size, scale and design "unacceptable".

Nazareth House opened in 1873 as a hospital



'CHALLENGING': Outline planning permission is being sought to convert Nazareth House in London Road, Southend into a care home, convent and flats, plus a museum and shops

that provided accommodation for the elderly and for sickly or "incurable" children aged from one to 12, mostly from the Roman Catholic faith.

Today it is a residential and nursing home for the elderly. Robert York, chief executive of the Sisters of Nazareth, which operates the care home, called the recommendation "regrettable".

"The site has been looked at for redevelopment for many years and originally we were looking at elderly assisted living apartments as well as the care home," he said. "What we are trying to do is rebuild the care facility so that it is a building fit for purpose in 2018 and to do that we need to maximise the site to be able to afford it."

"The building was built in the 1800s and care of the elderly and children was very different then to what it is now. We provide elderly residents with a care home for life and we are adamant that we will continue to do that."

Mark Flewitt, former councillor for housing, said: "I am pleased that it has been taken so seriously but I'm not going to be judgemental about the end result as it is such a landmark building."

"It is a challenging application and while the officers have reached a recommendation, it will be my colleagues on the committee who will make the decision on whether to agree with the refusal, disagree or defer it and say why not delay it."

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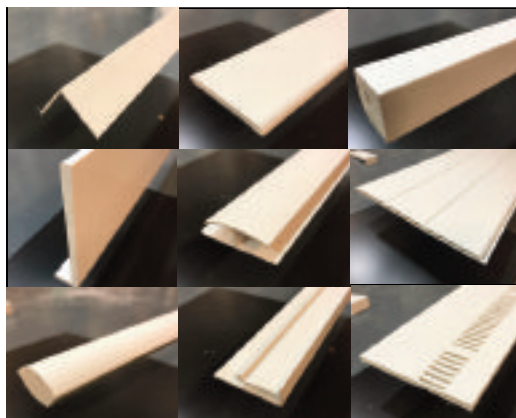


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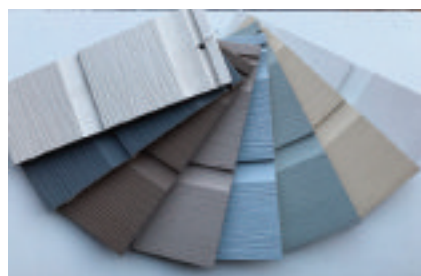


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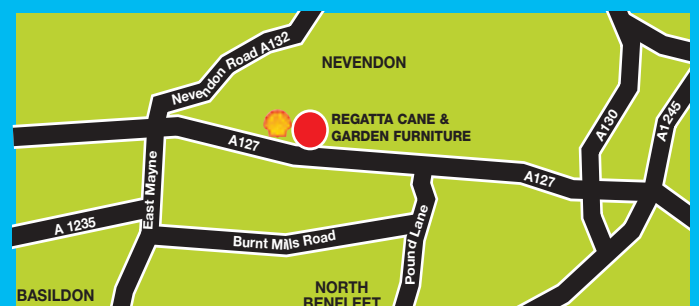
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Shame on Southend Council,

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The SKIPP Committee
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Brexit a threat to penguins

LABOUR MEP for Essex, Alex Mayer, stood up in the European Parliament to warn that Brexit posed a dangerous threat to penguins.

Falkland Islands' penguins – of which there are five species – currently receive hundreds of thousands of pounds in EU funding.

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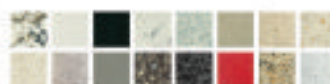
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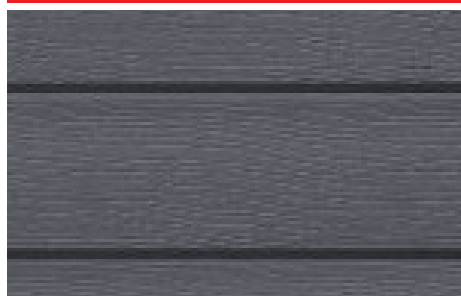
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The Searchers emerged from Liverpool as part of the '60s Merseybeat scene alongside bands The Fourmost, The Swinging Blue Jeans and rock music royalty, The Beatles.

The Searchers, founded in 1959 by John McNally and Mike Pender, have sold more than 50million records worldwide over six decades.

The *Yellow Advertiser* spoke to bassist Frank Allen, who joined the band in 1964, as he gears up for what may be his last ever tour.

"The show is partly a journey through the history of the band," he said. "There is a lot of communication with the audience, telling them the stories and play-

ing the hits, in the company of friends.

"It's a nice change for us," Frank mused, referring to playing alongside bands who they rose to prominence with.

Frank lists some of his greatest memories as playing at Wembley Stadium as guests of Cliff Richard in 1989 and being presented to The Queen at the Royal Variety show in 1981.

He also fondly remembers playing the Brooklyn Fox, New York, in 1964 on a bill that featured the likes of Dusty Springfield, Marvin Gaye, The Supremes, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, and The Temptations – "Where could you get a show like that today?"

he quipped. His stand-out performances, the memories he cherishes the most, were playing for the troops stationed abroad.

"We have played in Belfast and Bosnia amongst other places," he explained. "We also played for some troops in the Falkland Islands, even though there may only have only been 40 or so people in the room, the atmospheres were incredible."

However, for Frank and The Searchers, Sixties Gold may be the last opportunity to create lasting memories. "For us it's all coming to an end, we are retiring at the end of March next year. We have decided to hang up our boots and take a rest," he said.

"I have fallen out of love with the rotten parts of the business – the hours and hours on the road and these things. At this point in my life I want to take a break and see what else is out there."

Frank, who turns 75 a month after the show, did leave the door open for a possible return, saying: "It might not be forever, we may come back."

Do not miss out on what may be the last opportunity to hear classics like Love Potion No. 9, Sweeties for My Sweet, Sugar and Spice and When You Walk in the Room.

Tickets can be found at: <https://southendtheatres.org.uk/Online/tickets-sixties-gold-southend-2018>.



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SINGAPORE SLING

CRAZY RICH ASIANS (12A, 121 mins)

If Richard Curtis transplanted one of his frothy romantic comedies full of beautiful, privileged people falling in love across the class divide to the Far East, the result would be strikingly similar to Crazy Rich Asians.

Based on the novel by Kevin Kwan, Jon M Chu's crowd-pleasing confection relies on well-worn genre tropes and lovingly gift-wraps every luxurious frame in the splendour of modern-day Singapore.

Chu's film invests almost two hours showcasing the south-east Asian state's breathtaking beaches, spectacular high-rise hotels, designer boutiques and mouth-watering street food.

If the island wasn't already high on your list of dream holiday destinations, it will be before the end credits roll.

Scriptwriters Peter Chiarelli and Adele Lim don't stray from tried and tested rom-com conventions and they arm the good-looking all-Asian cast with some crisp one-liners including some standout barbs from Awkwafina, who was last seen stealing scenes and jewels in Ocean's 8.

The upbeat soundtrack seamlessly melds

east and west with Chinese Mandarin cover versions of familiar hits including Money (That's What I Want), Madonna's Material Girl and Coldplay's anthem Yellow.

New York University lecturer Rachel Chu (Constance Wu) has been raised in America by her single mother Kerry (Tan Kheng Hua), who worries about her daughter's sense of cultural identity.

"I'm so Chinese, I'm an economics professor

who's lactose intolerant," jokingly retorts Rachel.

The tug of war between east and west intensifies when Rachel's boyfriend Nick (Henry Golding) invites her to accompany him to

Singapore to attend the wedding of good friends Colin (Chris Pang) and Araminta (Sonoya Mizuno).

Rachel is blissfully unaware that Nick is the golden boy of Singapore's wealthiest dynasty headed by ferocious matriarch Eleanor (Michelle Yeoh), who expects her boy to take up the reins of the family business and marry into money.

Eleanor is deeply unimpressed with lowly academic Rachel as Nick's choice of

partner and the mother makes clear her intent to remind her son of his responsibilities.

"When children are away from home too long they forget who they are," she observes coldly.

Meanwhile, Rachel supports Nick's cousin Astrid (Gemma Chan) as her marriage fractures and the new arrival prepares for the wedding with a makeover courtesy of her fashion-conscious friend Goh Peik Lin (Awkwafina) and Nick's flamboyant second cousin Oliver (Nico Santos), who playfully describes himself as "the rainbow sheep of the family".

Crazy Rich Asians is a sweet and heartfelt frolic through the battlefields of love, which delivers a full complement of uproarious laughter and tugged heartstrings.

Wu and Golding, making his feature film debut, are a delightful on-screen pairing while Yeoh keeps her fiercely protective mother the right side of caricature.

A prologue set in a rain-drenched 1995 London is hard to swallow but the rest of director Chu's silky-smooth cocktail goes down a treat.

Released: September 14
RATING: 7.5/10

CRAZY: Constance Wu as Rachel


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- Sequence Dancing – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 2.15-3.15pm. 01268 465854.
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Saturday, September 15

- Charity coffee morning – Thundersley Methodist Church, Kennington Avenue, Benfleet, SS7 4BS, 10am to noon.
- Rayleigh History Walk, from Rayleigh windmill, Bellingham Lane, SS6 7ED, 3pm,

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- Greek Community of Southend & District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourious and St Paul's, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, 10am to noon. 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club – TGH Evangelical Church, Kin Road, Thundersley, (ages three to 12), 10.45-11.45am, details 01702 554904.
- Mojo Friendship Club – Travellers' Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 07757 658799.
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Monday, September 17

- Walking football sessions – Civic Hall, Grays, 6-7pm, £2 per session.
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Tuesday, September 18

- Couples. Table tennis, snooker, 8-10pm, St Andrew's Church Hall, Ashingdon. Drop in or call 01702 548597.
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The water from 1 x 400g tin of chickpeas (not the chickpeas themselves)
For the icing:
400g pure coconut yoghurt
50ml maple syrup
The scraped seeds of 1 vanilla pod or 1tsp vanilla powder
For the middle:
100g strawberry jam
To decorate (optional):
Handful of fresh strawberries, chopped
Handful of edible flowers

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C (fan 180°C). Line two 23cm cake tins with baking parchment.

2. In a large bowl, mix the ground almonds, buckwheat flour, bicarb and salt, stirring well to remove any lumps. Add the maple syrup, almond milk and chickpea water and mix again until it comes together to form a smooth batter.

3. Pour equal amounts of the batter into the lined tins and bake for 20 minutes,



until well risen and a knife inserted in the centre comes out clean - if it doesn't, place the tins back in the oven for five more minutes. Once ready, remove and leave the cakes to cool in their tins until room temperature, around 30 minutes.

4. While the cakes cool, make the icing. Whisk the coconut yoghurt using an electric whisk - either a stand mixer or a hand whisk - until it becomes really thick, around five to 10 minutes. It's really important to whisk the yoghurt on its own first, before adding the maple syrup. Once it feels very thick and holds its shape, add the syrup and vanilla and con-

tinue whisking for a further minute. If you don't have an electric whisk you can use a balloon whisk - just make sure you whisk long enough to get a good amount of air and thickness into the mix.

5. Once the cakes are cool, spread the jam over one and sandwich it with the other. Spoon the icing over the top of the cake and smooth it over evenly. We like adding berries and edible flowers as decoration.

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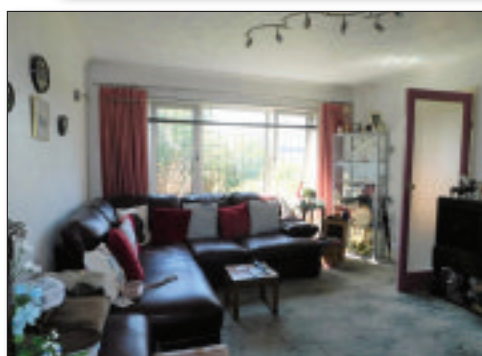
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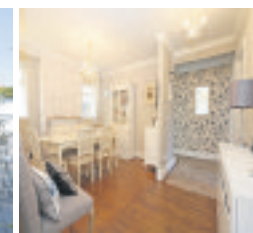
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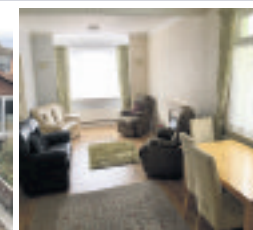


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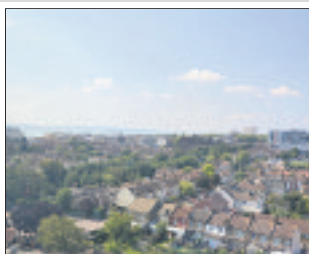
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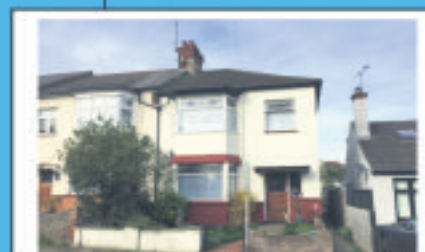
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Driving hazard test looks out of date

By Ian Donaldson

THOUSANDS of new drivers could miss vital signs to take extra care because the current perception test is out of date and needs modernising, according to a survey just out.

The current test contains hazards such as cyclists, cars turning ahead and horse riders, but new drivers told LV= insurance that a number of "modern" risks weren't included.

For example, the most common "modern" hazards include potholes (reported by 41 per cent of new drivers), pedestrians on mobile phones (reported by 33 per cent), children on scooters (reported by 21 per cent) and even vape clouds from vehicle windows (reported by 11 per cent).

One in six new drivers say they find it difficult to spot these everyday hazards.

And nearly half of new drivers say the hazard perception test did not prepare them for life on the road, and a further 57 per cent said they do not believe other new

drivers are prepared to deal with the driving hazards they face.

The hazard perception test was introduced in 2002 and since then, the hazard content has not been updated.

Yet, more than half of all drivers say that hazards on our roads have changed and there are now more of them than when they started driving.

As a result of these findings, LV= is calling on the Government to update the hazard perception test, so that newly qualified drivers are better prepared for today's roads.

Kevin Clinton, head of road safety at The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents said: "In recent years, more accidents have occurred due to 'modern' driving hazards.

"For example, year-on-year we have seen an increase in the number of incidents due to potholes.

"Our advice to new drivers is to expect the unexpected.

"That's why we are supporting LV's call to make sure the hazard perception test is kept relevant so it better-prepares new drivers for the hazards they'll face."



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MIDDLESEX, NORFOLK, SURREY, SUFFOLK & KENT AVENUES LEIGH-ON-SEA
TEMPORARY ORDER 2018

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A Lewis
Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. SS2 6ER

Dated: 12th September 2018

LICENSING ACT 2003 Notice of Application to Vary Premises Licence

We, Tesco Stores Ltd hereby make application to vary the Premises Licence in respect of Tesco London Road Westcliff Express, 667 – 673 London Road, Westcliff on sea, SS0 9PD.

The variation proposes a change and extension to the hours the store can sell alcohol to 06:00 – 23:00 Monday to Sunday.

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Representations should be sent to the Licensing Authority, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council, Civic Centre (Floor 13), Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS2 6ZG, or emailed to licact2003@southend.gov.uk

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Dated 5th September 2018

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**Southend United 2
Peterborough United 3
Sky Bet League One**

SOUTHEND went close, but not close enough to springing an upset against the unbeaten league leaders on Saturday.

Despite seeing Tom Hopper and Stephen McLaughlin overturn a two-goal deficit, cancelling out a Matt Godden brace, Ivan Toney stepped off the bench to maintain Posh's 100 per cent away record.

Missing several influential regulars, such as Mark Oxley, Michael Kightly and Jason Demetriou, due to either suspension or international duty, Blues paid no respect to their high-flying visitors, with Simon Cox stinging Aaron Chapman's fingers after just three minutes.

Blues continued to ask all the questions, with the recalled Timothee Dieng fizzing over a close range effort, before former Southend trialist, Ryan Tafazolli, denied Cox from a yard out.

But the hosts paid for not taking advantage and Posh went ahead on 31 minutes, following a Sam Mantom foul. Siriki Dembele's floated free-kick was chested down by Jason Cummings into the path of Godden, whose soft effort beat emergency-loan gloveman, David Stockdale embarrassingly at his near post.

Up against a gigantic Posh backline, Southend were restricted to long-range efforts with McLaughlin forcing Chapman into a smart tip-



BATTLE: Southend's Stephen McLaughlin tussles with Peterborough United's Siriki Dembele
Photo: Chris Radburn/PA Wire

over, before Dieng tested the stopper with a powerful drive, from McLaughlin's set-piece.

The high-flyers were on the front-foot straight after the turn-around, with Jamie Walker forcing Stockdale into a smart tip-over.

But the on-loan Birmingham City keeper could do nothing about Godden's second on 56 minutes. Tafazolli appeared to mis-kick sub, Marcus Maddison's free-kick into the path of the former Stevenage hitman, who fired gleefully into the top of the goal.

Southend refused to lie down. Barely seven minutes later, Cox's persistence freed up Bunn.

Despite the attentions of Posh's Jason Naismith, Bunn coolly

found Hopper, who netted with a fine finish from three yards out.

A minute later, Bunn, enjoying a good outing on the left-flank, tested Chapman with a swirling 20-yarder.

Having seen Dembele set up Godden on 74 minutes, Micheal Turner's interception proved vital.

Southend broke forward and excellent Cox approach play saw Ben Coker feed McLaughlin, who netted with a superb low effort.

Southend survived an 85th minute scare when Stockdale was saved by the woodwork following a Maddison effort that deflected onto the crossbar.

But there was no such let-up, two minutes later, when sub Joe Ward

found time and space to cross to fellow sub Toney, who couldn't miss from literally under the bar.

Southend United: David Stockdale, Elvis Womono, Michael Turner, John White, Ben Coker, Harry Bunn, Timothee Dieng, Sam Mantom (capt), Stephen McLaughlin (Shawn McCoulsky 89), Simon Cox (Theo Robinson 83), Tom Hopper. Subs not used: Nathan Bishop, Michael Klass, Taylor Moore, Stephen Hendrie, Renei Batlokwa.

Peterborough United: Aaron Chapman, Jason Naismith, Rhys Bennett, Ryan Tafazolli, Jamie Walker (Marcus Maddison 55), Mark O'Hara, Alex Woodward (capt), Siriki Dembele (Joe Ward 78), Jason Cummings (Ivan Toney 70), Matt Godden. Subs not used: Mark Tyler, Louis Reed, George Cooper, Josh Yorwerth.

Referee: Kevin Johnson
Assistants: Daniel Cook, Paul Yates
Fourth Official: Anthony Coggins
Attendance: 6,551

Cup progress produces windfall for Rovers

**Great Waking Rovers 3
Wisbech Town 1**

Brian Jeeves reporting
from Burroughs Park

GREAT Waking Rovers progressed through to the Emirates FA Cup second qualifying round for only the third time in their history after an entertaining tie.

Rovers had reached this stage of the competition having comfortably beaten Essex Senior League side Leyton Athletic 4-1.

Their Bostik Premier League Division One East opponents saw off Sileby Rangers via a penalty shootout following a goalless replay to ensure their first ever visit to the Villagers' home.

Rovers made the brighter start with Simon Thomas forcing Wisbech keeper, Daniel Swan, into an excellent save low to his left.

Seconds later, Jake Gordon could only look on in anguish as his prodded attempt came back off

the foot of an upright.

Layton Maddison's dead-ball effort was fielded by Coey Turipa, then the New Zealand stopper, aided by Scott Pethers, thwarted Oliver Gale as Wisbech responded.

The visitors had clearly found their feet, and ten minutes before the break they snatched a vital advantage. Alex Beck held off a challenge before scoring through Turipa's legs.

The Wisbech lead lasted just six minutes. Stephen Butterworth's angled free-kick from 20 yards somehow squeezed between Swan and the post before trickling agonisingly over the line.

Turipa saved Gale's goalbound header from Maddison's driven free-kick as Wisbech started the second period on the front foot.

However, before they could make any further headway the home side took the lead. Ollie Woodhouse profited from uncertainty between

Swan and Nicholas Jackson before rolling into an empty net.

Swan brilliantly saved a George Cox piledriver as Rovers looked to confirm their passage, while Beck should have restored parity, nodding over from close range at the back post.

In the final stages, Rovers added a third. Substitute Jack Renew had only been on the field a matter of seconds, but was in the right place to convert Brandy Makhendi's centre.

Swan saved superbly from Makhendi as Rovers looked to put the game out of reach. But they had done enough.

Speaking to *Yellow Sport* after the game, Rovers' manager Garry Kimble said: "We started well. First ten minutes we got at them, but against the run of play they got the first goal – a bit of a mix-up, but we didn't hold the ball up front and they broke and scored."

"After that, we equalised.

Stephen Butterworth with a free-kick – he's got that in his locker. Then in the second half I thought we shaded it."

Kimble added: "It was a big game for the club today. Six grand goes a long long way for the club."

Great Waking Rovers return to Bostik League North action on Saturday, September 15 when they travel to Bury Town (3pm).

Great Waking Rovers: Coey Turipa, Jason Ring, Oliver Woodhouse, Scott Pethers (capt), John Mbamarsh, Lewis Payne (George Cox 65'), Brandy Makhendi (Jacob Wiggins 90+2'), Aaron Russell, Simon Thomas (Jack Renew 82'), Stephen Butterworth, Jake Gordon. Subs not used: Billy Johnson, Thomas Skelton, Danny Hurford, Tim Brown.

Wisbech Town: Daniel Swan, Aaron Hart, Nicholas Jackson, Jon Fairweather (capt), Sam Murphy, Adam Millson, Ryan Harnwell, Layton Maddison (Thembelani Nkala 80'), Michael Frew, Alex Reck, Oliver Gale (Dan Bendon 67'). Subs not used: Peter Ryan.

Referee: Isaac Searle
Assistants: Joseph McKay, Peter Conn
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Non-league football

Daggers win again in last-gasp drama

DAGENHAM & Redbridge recorded their second successive National League victory after a last-minute Elliott Romain goal secured all three points against Barrow AFC at Holker Street.

Romain's late strike lifted the Daggers to 21st in the table, a point behind Havant & Waterlooville who sit one place above the drop zone.

James Alabi also grabbed a late goal as Leyton Orient extended their unbeaten sequence to ten games at Halifax Town. Dayle Southwell had given the home side the lead midway through the second half.

Despite the away point, O's slip to third after Wrexham won 1-0 at Brintree Town.

Adam Cunnington and Moses Emmanuel were on target as Billericay Town returned to National League South winning ways at Hemel Hempstead Town. Despite putting the club up for sale last week, owner Glenn Tamplin remained in the dug-out, overseeing the Blues' success alongside Tristan Lewis and Danny Hazle.

Concord Rangers bounced back from back to back defeats with a notable 1-1 draw with leaders Woking at the Aspect Arena. Billy Knott bagged a late leveller for the Beach Boys after Greg Luer had given Woking the lead on 30 minutes.

Chelmsford City played out a goalless encounter with Welling United at the Melbourne Stadium. However, it was a frustrating afternoon for East Thurrock United who went down 4-2 to St Albans City at Rookery Hill – Sam Higgins (pen) and Jack Simmons with first-half goals for the Rocks.

A number of the region's clubs were involved in Emirates FA Cup First Qualifying Round ties.

Great Waking Rovers progressed with a 3-1 victory over Wisbech Town at Burroughs Park – Stephen Butterworth, Ollie Woodhouse and Jack Renew on target after Alex Beck had given the visitors the lead.

Brad Warner scored three minutes after the break helping AFC Hornchurch to a 1-0 success over Harrow Borough.

Bowers & Pitsea were in terrific FA Cup form, hammering Takeley 5-1 at the Len Salmon Stadium. David Knight scored four times – one from the penalty spot, while Lewis Manor was also on target as the home side eased into the next round.

Haringey Borough won a five-goal thriller at Brentwood Town. Georgios Aresti, Chinedu Mckenzie and Karl Akinwande hit the net for the visitors, as they overcame a 2-1 deficit. Sam Carter and Ayrton Coley thought they had won it for Brentwood who led in the final minutes.

Heybridge Swifts also made it through as Newmarket Town were beaten 2-0 at the Aspen Waite Arena thanks to second-half goals from Samuel Bantick and Nicholas Brown.

The FA Cup trail concluded for Basildon United, who were beaten 2-0 by Peterborough Sports at the Ho Ho Stadium, and Walthamstow were beaten, also 2-0, by Beaconsfield Town.

In the Essex Senior League West Essex eased to a 4-1 success over Leyton Athletic, while Stansted had little trouble in dispatching Southend 3-0 at Southchurch Park.

Hullbridge Sports won by the odd goal in three at Hoddesdon Town, while St Margaretsbury were 2-0 winners at Barkingside.

Elsewhere, Redbridge and Clapton played out a 1-1 draw at the Oakside Stadium.

Selected highlights from the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League saw Buckhurst Hill see off Springfield 3-0 in their Premier Division clash at Roding Lane. Harold Wood Athletic were 3-1 winners at Old Southendian, while Kelvedon Hatch won 5-1 at Hutton.

League leaders Rayleigh Town Reserves were 4-1 winners over their May & Baker Eastbrook Community counterparts in Division One. And there was an important 3-1 success for Basildon Town over Herongate Athletic. Town remain second.

Upminster won 7-0 at May & Baker Eastbrook Community "A" in Division Two, while Westhamians hit six without reply at Waking Sports in a one-sided Division Three encounter.

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